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NEWS RELEASE

Tax Commission, IRS offer joint Saturday, extended hours

During the last push of this year's filing season Utah State Tax Commission and IRS staff are logging Saturday and extended counter assistance hours.

Extended hours, Saturday service

From April 9-12th, Tax Commission and IRS counter service hours will be extended until 5:30 p.m. at the Tax Commission's Salt Lake City office, 210 North 1950 West. In addition, on Saturday morning, April 13th, the hours will be 8:30-2:30. The Tax Commission will continue to offer curbside drop-off for filers who wish to simply drop off their returns, but are asking that filers leave returns in unsealed envelopes. The Salt Lake IRS office located at 50 South 200 East will accept federal as well as state returns at their office.

E-filers can get speedy refunds even at the last minute

Utahns who e-file their tax returns even on Monday, April 15th can still receive their state income tax refunds in about two weeks, the Utah State Tax Commission said today. Those who file paper returns, however, will face a six- to eight-week wait for their refund checks to arrive. Returns can be electronically filed several ways:

- by tax preparers
- using purchased software packages
- by telefiling returns using the Internet or a touch-tone phone.

Paper and electronic filers may have their state income tax refunds directly deposited into their checking or savings account.

More information on e-filing and links to state-approved on-line e-filing providers can be found at <http://incometax.utah.gov>.

VITA sites listed on-line

Low-income and elderly Utahns who need help preparing simple income tax returns can find locations of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) return preparation sites on-line. The VITA and TCE sites are listed at: www.incometax.utah.gov/vita.html.

For state and federal income tax forms and information, <http://incometax.utah.gov>.